Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether Government are aware that there is disparity in regard to the price?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Government have no information.

President. If any instance is shown, Government will make enquiries. But is this disparity only with regard to the price and not with regard to the quality?

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Of course, the quality must be lower. Anyway, the price of medicines sold in the pharmacy in Trivandrum is much lower than anywhere else.

Honoraria to the members of the Legislature.

245. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the honorarium now given to the members of the Legislature is given in lieu of their travelling allowances?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: It is in lieu of the travelling and daily allowances due to the members for attending the meetings of the Legislature.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the honorarium paid to the members of the Legislature in lieu of T. A. and daily allowance is taken as income?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Government are not aware, but it will be enquired into.

President: It is a wrong procedure. It is never done anywhere else and we will look into the matter. The Secretary will make a note of it.

Posting of low-paid officers near their homes.

246. *Mr. G. Madhavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a Government order to the effect that low paid officers are to be posted as far as possible near their homes; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative whether that order is put into practice?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Mr. G. Madhavan: May I know whether any instructions have been given to the departmental heads to that effect.

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: No instructions have been given to the departmental heads. Considering representations from the subordinate staff, the departmental heads post them to their native places as far as possible.

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